the already existing State Universities in Chhattisgarh. It was further directed that the benefit of affiliation of an institution shall be extended only if it fulfills the requisite norms and standards laid down for such purpose and not to every kind of institution. Regarding technical, medical or dental colleges, etc. affiliation may be accorded if they have been established after fulfilling the prescribed criteria laid down by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India or any other statutory authority and with their approval or sanction as prescribed by law.

The Central Government has requested all the State Governments to get the off-campus centres of the erstwhile private universities of Chhattisgarh located in their respective States, affiliated to the jurisdictional State Universities in order to protect the interests of the affected students studying in them.

Centres of foreign educational institutions

†713. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any policy to permit foreign educational institutions to open their centres in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the countries granted permission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) No such policy has been finalised as yet.

(b) Does not arise.

JNVs in calamities affected regions

†714. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalayas being run by his Ministry, State-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government have any plan to open such Vidyalayas in the regions affected by calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 493 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are being run by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, which is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. State-wise details are given in Annexure. [See Appendix 205, Annexure No. 1]

(b) As provisions of the Navodaya Scheme, one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya is to be opened in each district.

Scholarship schemes

715. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Merit Scholarship and the National Talent Scholarship Schemes, with the number of beneficiary students and the amount of scholarship released during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether there is a request pending with the Centre for revision in the income criteria and for enhancement of the scholarship amount in relation to current economic situation;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) by when a decision in this regard would be arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Ministry is implementing National Merit Scholarship Scheme, which has two major components *viz.* National Scholarship for Senior Secondary level and above, and the Scholarship at the Secondary Stage for Talented Students from Rural Areas. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to 10,762 meritorious students of rural areas studying in class IX and X and also to 17,000 meritorious students studying at Post-Matric to Post-Graduation level in Government Schools, Colleges and Universities. Amount of scholarship is released as per